

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0024] as follows:

-- [0024] FIG. 4 shows the disclosed embodiment of FIG. 2 incorporated into a computer system 600. The computer system 600 includes CPU nodes 610, I/O nodes 630, and switch matrix 620. CPU nodes 610 include the four nodes 611, 612, 613 and 614. ~~Each of the CPU nodes 611, 612, 613 and 614 includes one or more CPUs or processors.~~ I/O nodes 630 include four I/O nodes 601, 602, 603 and 604. A switch fabric 620 is connected to CPU nodes 610 and to I/O nodes 630. The embodiment disclose in FIG. 2 is shown in FIG. 4 as I/O node 0. Like FIG. 2, I/O node 0 contains a parent-bridge 230. Parent-bridge 230 is attached via child-links 285 to child-bridges 260. The child-bridges 260, in turn, are connected via grand-child links 295 to buses 280. Finally, buses 280 are attached to I/O devices 290. It is contemplated, although not required, that some or all of the other I/O nodes would adopt a similar architecture shown in detail in I/O node 0. --